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SUBJ: MEXICAN POLICE OFFICER JUMPS BAIL IN US

REF: TIJUANA 0048

1. SAN DIEGO UNION REPORTED APRIL 5 THAT US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE APRIL 4 HAS ISSUED A BENCH WARRANT FOR ARREST OF ENRIQUE HARARI, FORMER COMMANDANT OF FEDERAL TRAFFIC POLICE IN MEXICALI AND CALLED FOR FORFEITURE OF 50,000 DOLLARS BAIL POSTED HIS BEHALF. UNDER TERMS OF BAIL, HARARI WAS TO REPORT DAILY TO BORDER PATROL IN CHULA VISTA AND HAD FAILED TO DO SO DURING PREVIOUS THREE DAYS.

2. SAN DIEGO UNION SUBSEQUENTLY ON APRIL 6 CARRIED A VI MURPHY INTERVIEW WITH HARARI IN WHICH HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE FLED TO MEXICO BECAUSE HE FEARED HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND TRIAL IN AN OPEN COURT. HIS ATTORNEY TOLD HIM, HE SAID, THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO PLEAD GUILTY TO ONE OF THE CHARGES AND SERVE A SHORT TIME IN PRISON. "I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN PLEAD GUILTY. DEATH IS NOT SO TERRIBLE TO ME AS TO BE CONDEMNED WITHOUT A TRIAL," HE ALLEGEDLY SAID.

3. WE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED CASE WITH DEPUTY FEDERAL ATTORNEY IN SAN DIEGO WHO CONFIRMED THAT BAIL WOULD BE FORFEITED AND SAID HE ALSO HOPED TO RETURN A BAIL JUMPING INDICTMENT AGAINST HARARI.
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FEDERAL DEPUTY DA TOLD US ALSO THAT HARARI'S LAWYER HAD APPROACHED HIM LAST WEEK TO ASK IF HARARI PLED GUILTY TO ONE CHARGE WOULD OTHER CHARGES BE DROPPED. FEDERAL DEPUTY ATTORNEY TOLD US HE HAD GIVEN POSITIVE RESPONSE, THIS BEING A ROUTINE WAY OF HANDLING MANY CRIMINAL CASES.
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